

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

Regional Support Unit for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (RSU-SAARC)

### RSU-SAARC NEWS:

#### The ADB-funded Project in RSU-SAARC is concluding

The current ADB-JFPR funded project, "Regional Capacity Development for Regional Cooperation on Food Security through Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases in South Asia (GCP/RAS/294/ASB)", implemented by FAO's Regional Support Unit for SAARC (RSU-SAARC), will be concluded on 31st July, 2017. The current Technical and the Operation teams of RSU-SAARC would like to bid adieu to all the readers, contributors and patrons of this South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information. [Read More](#)

### BANGLADESH

#### 22 Jul 2017: Dogs on rampage bite 66 in a day

At least 66 people including, six children and five women, were bitten by stray dogs in different areas of Manikganj town in one day yesterday. They were given treatment and anti-rabies vaccines at Manikganj Sadar Hospital, said its sources. [Read More](#)

### INDIA

#### 25 Jul 2017: Dangerous viral infection reported in chicken, Tamil Nadu

According to a media report, in Tamil Nadu, a fatal infection in chickens is spreading which caused panic among poultry farmers. In this situation, farmers in Tamil Nadu are selling off their stocked poultry in their best interest. According to sources, the virus infection is an epidemic, which easily spread with minimum contact. Infection of human in contact with or consumption of infected chicken has been claimed in the report. [Read More](#)

**Update (28 Jul 2017):** However, further follow up and correspondence with CVO India, it was found that no such incidence occurred in the area and the news appears to be false. Prompt response from the Government of India is truly appreciated.

#### 24 Jul 2017: Poultry farms breed super-resistant bacteria: High prevalence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria detected in poultry farms in Punjab

According to an Indo-American study, Punjab, famous for its large and crowded poultry farms, may be sprouting "superbugs" or bacteria that are resistant to routine antibiotics. The study reports high prevalence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria detected in poultry farms in Punjab and warns of potentially disastrous consequences on human health due to use of growth-promoting antibiotics in animal farming. Crowded poultry farms could be breeding superbugs in Punjab, finds the new study. Poultry farms are deploying antibiotics not to treat sick animals, but to fatten them quickly. The study, led by researchers from the Centre for Disease Dynamics, Economics and Policy (CDDEP), Washington DC, USA, and published in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives, finds high levels of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in chickens raised for both meat and eggs on farms in Punjab. [Read More](#)

#### 23 Jul 2017: High winds bring in Parvo virus, take toll on dogs' health, reported in media

It has been reported in media that owing to the "wind season" gaining pace in the past week, canine parvovirus infection, has begun taking a toll on the dogs in Trichy. The lack of awareness on the treatment for the disease has put canines at the risk of death. Being an air-borne disease, the Parvo virus has already infected several dogs in the city. This was evident from the number of dogs that were brought to the veterinary poly clinic in Palakkarai in Trichy. There are 13 such polyclinics across the district and sources quoted in the media said that all clinics were witnessing a rise in such cases since the commencement of wind season. [Read More](#)

### NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES:MYANMAR

#### 25 Jul 2017: H5N1 avian flu strikes Myanmar poultry farm

Myanmar's Livestock Ministry has reported a highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza outbreak, its first since April 2016, according to a notification today from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). The event began on Jul 16 when farmers noticed clinical signs, including sudden deaths, in a commercial layer flock in Tanintharyi region in far southern Myanmar. The virus killed 3,194 of 5,000 susceptible birds, and the remaining birds were culled. An investigation didn't identify a source of the outbreak, but officials said contributing factors included a lack of biosecurity on the farm and that the farm holder had an illegal processing area at the front of the farm. [Read More](#)